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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 15-17, 20, 22-26.

Please amend claims 14, 18 and 21 as follows:

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14. (Amended) [The method in claim 12, further comprising the steps of:] A method for expanding video graphics array (VGA) text characters horizontally to fill the screen of a flat panel display (FPD), comprising the steps of:

storing binary information related to a horizontal row of a text character block;

outputting said binary information serially from said register;

selecting a prescribed bit of said binary information, wherein said prescribed bit is in the last column of a block of said binary information,

twice duplicating said prescribed bit of binary information;  
displaying in succession said prescribed and duplicated binary bits of information;

decoding an ASCII character code of said text character to obtain a signal for determining whether the last column of said text character is of a background or foreground feature; and

using said signal together with said prescribed bit in determining whether to duplicate the prescribed bit as a background or as a foreground feature.

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18. (Amended) [The method in claim 17, further comprising the steps of:] A method for expanding video graphics array (VGA) text characters both horizontally and vertically to fill the screen of a flat panel display (FPD), comprising the steps of:

storing binary information related to a prescribed horizontal row of a text character block;

serially outputting said binary information from storage;

selecting a prescribed bit of said binary information;

multiple duplicating said prescribed bit of said binary information;

A3 multiple duplicating said prescribed horizontal row including said duplicated bits of said text character block;

displaying said prescribed and duplicated horizontal rows;

decoding an ASCII character code of said text character to obtain a signal for determining whether the last column of said text character is of a background or foreground feature; and

using said signal together with said prescribed bit, determining whether to duplicate the prescribed bit as a background or foreground feature.

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21. (Amended) [The method in claim 20, further comprising the steps of:] A method for expanding video graphics array (VGA) text characters both horizontally and vertically to fill the screen of a flat panel display (FPD), comprising the steps of:

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storing binary information related to a prescribed horizontal row of a text character block;

outputting said binary information from storage;

selecting a prescribed bit of said binary information;

multiple duplicating said prescribed bit of said binary information;

duplicating once every other horizontal row, including any duplicated prescribed bits, of said text character block;

displaying said prescribed and duplicated horizontal rows;

decoding an ASCII character code of said text character to obtain a signal for determining whether the last column of said text character is of a background or foreground feature; and

using said signal together with said prescribed bit, determining whether to duplicate the prescribed bit as a background or foreground feature.

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